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- 1. BANGLADESH VOTED AGAINST THE IBRD/IMF RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS COMPENSATION. IN GENERAL, BDG POSITION ON SUCH QUESTIONS PARALLELS THAT OF USG.
- 2. IN RESPONSE REFTEL, EMBASSY TRANSMITTED JULY 19 TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON'S LETTERS TO BANGLADESH GOVERNORS OF IMF AND IBRD AND ECON COUNSELOR DISCUSSED ISSUE WITH RELEVANT FINANCE MINISTRY JOINT SECRETARY ON JULY 15 AND 29. JT. SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT BDG CONSISTENTLY OPPOSES SUCH INCREASES IN COMPENSATION, AND INDEED OTHER INCREASES IN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, IN EACH INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION OF WHICH BDG IS MEMBER. THESE INCLUDE THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AS WELL AS IBRD AND IMF. (JT. SECRETARY RECALLED EARLIER CONCERN OVER EXCESSIVE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF ADB.) BDG ALREADY INCLINED TO VOTE NEGATIVELY ON THIS LATEST PROPOSAL BEFORE RECEIPT TREASURY SECRETARY LETTER, JT. SECRETARY SAID. SUBSEQUENTLY BDG GOVERNOR'S VOTES AGAINST RESOLUTION WERE COMMUNICATED TO IBRD/IMF.

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3. COMMENT. WHILE BDG PRECEIVES OPPOSITION TO SUCH INCREASES TO
BE IN ITS NATIONAL INTEREST, APPROACHES SUCH AS THIS ONE SERVE BOTH $$
TO IDENTIFY AND FOCUS ATTENTION ON ISSUE AND TO ENCOURAGE BDG TO
CONTINUE TO FOLLOW PAST POLICY.
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